

Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: City of Casa Grande	Applicant is a: <input type="checkbox"/> XCity/Town/County (circle) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: Craig McFarland, Mayor	
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Fiscal Agent for any Applicant that is not a City, Town, or County (<i>Special Taxing Districts/Fire Districts must have a Fiscal Agent</i>)	
Contact Person:	
City/Town/County Mailing Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
Phone Number:	Fax Number:
E-mail Address:	
Program or Project Name: <i>“POST COVID-19 - Return to Family Outdoor Activities by Experiencing Art through Play.”</i>	
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> X education <input type="checkbox"/> public safety <input type="checkbox"/> X health <input type="checkbox"/> environment <input type="checkbox"/> promotion of commerce <input type="checkbox"/> economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement):	
As we lift the COVID-19 restrictions and move forward to a healthy life, the City wants to encourage families and groups to come together and experience the outdoors. The City’s goals are to provide educational musical opportunities through play and encourage healthy family outdoor play to boost fitness and decrease the risk of childhood obesity; increase focus and academic achievement; and reduce stress and increase feelings of well-being.	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: February 2022	
Amount Requested: \$70,000	Total Cost: \$77,150
Geographic Area Served: Community of Casa Grande – 55,000+ population	

By the execution of this Grant Application the undersigned agrees that the information contained in this Application is true, to the best of the Applicant’s knowledge. The Applicant shall notify the Community if any information in this Application changes.

Signature:
 For the Applicant: _____ Date: _____
 Typed/Printed Name and Title: _____

For the Fiscal Agent: _____ Date: _____
 (If applicable)
 Typed/Printed Name and Title: _____

A. Purpose of Grant.

1. Describe the proposed program or project (collectively, the “Project”).

The City of Casa Grande has developed a partnership between the Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission and Casa Grande Community Services Department to implement a project called “*POST COVID-19 - Return to Family Outdoor Activities -Experiencing Art through Play.*” Many of our residents have been affected by **COVID-19**, as they were required to stay indoors and away from groups to protect themselves from the COVID-19 virus. As we lift the COVID-19 restrictions and move forward to a healthy life, the City wants to encourage families and groups to come together and experience the outdoors. This project will help to support our mission to **decreases the risk of childhood obesity** by getting families outdoors to exercise and spend time together. Additionally, for many of our young residents, this project will **bring art educational experiences through the use of outdoor musical playground equipment (bells, chimes, drums, xylophones, etc.)**

Recent research shows that arts in its many form is increasingly accepted as an essential part of achieving success in school, work, and life. The Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission is dedicated to integrating the arts and humanities, including the richness of the Community’s ethnic and cultural diversity, as part of the fabric of everyday life. The arts promote innovation and collaboration, positively impacts **local economies, student learning and cultural understanding**. Toward this end, the Commission serves as the entity, stimulating and supporting excellence and accessibility in the arts and humanities for all citizens in the community of Casa Grande.

Statistics shows that only one in four kids in the US are getting the recommended daily amount of physical activity. The Casa Grande Community Services Department actively seeks to ensure that kids and families in our community, get the balanced and active play they need to thrive. The City recognizes that the well-being of communities starts with the well-being of our kids. To promote physical activity, the Community Services Department sponsors over 750 recreation programs for kids and families, annually. For the City’s commitment in promoting physical activity through play, for the past six years, KaBOOM has awarded the City of Casa Grande the **Playful City USA Designation**.

This project will give our youth and families an opportunity to experience arts education through the use of outdoor musical playground equipment. Children will acquire new skills as they challenge themselves during playtime, and musical playground activities will help stimulate learning and growth in a wide variety of ways. Musical playground activities will help kids develop their emotional, cognitive, and **physical abilities** as they learn how to make and process music.

According to the National Wildlife Federation, outdoor play boosts fitness and decreases the risk of childhood obesity; increases focus and academic achievement; and reduces stress and increases feelings of well-being.

2. Identify the target population that will be served by the Project. How many will be served? Is there a targeted geographic location?

The geographic location of the playground equipment will be in a City of Casa Grande public park. The public park is accessible to all community members (population 55,000) and visitors. Therefore, 55,000+ people will be served with this project. The musical playground equipment will enhance the park’s ambience and will entice families to gather and spend quality family time together.

The musical playground equipment will greatly benefit our school age youth between K-8. The estimated school enrollment for 2021/22 is 6,900 for K-8.

3. Describe the Project goals and objectives, and your plan to meet these goals.

The goal of the Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission and Casa Grande Community Services Department is to bring art educational experiences through the use of outdoor musical playground equipment and to encourage and expand exercise opportunities for the youth and families.

The Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission and Casa Grande Community Services Department’s proposal is to purchase musical playground equipment and install it in a public park. Once installed, the City officials will market the park as a family gathering place where youth have the opportunity to expand experiences in making and hearing music with playground equipment, while incorporating outdoor family exercise opportunities.

4. Provide a timetable for implementation of the Project.

Date	Activity
January-February 2022	Research musical playground equipment Select park for placement of musical playground equipment
March-April 2022	Purchase musical playground equipment and shade structure
May-July 2022	Install musical playground equipment
August-September 2022	Dedication and marketing of park with musical playground equipment

B. Resources.

1. Identify current funding sources for the Project and characterize each funding source listed as either a one-time-only or long-term funding source.

Funding Sources	One-time only	Long-term	Project Expense Description	Totals
City of Casa Grande	\$6,000		Property Value for ¼ acre of land to place equipment	\$6,000
City of Casa Grande		Certified Playground Inspector/Parks Maintenance Employee	Weekly inspection and maintenance of equipment	\$1,150 yearly expense

2. Identify other organizations or partners that are participating in or contributing to the project, but which are not funding sources, and describe their roles or contributions.

Partnerships – No Funding Source	Description
Partner with the Casa Grande Youth Commission	As a youth service project, City of Casa Grande will partner with the Casa Grande Youth Commission to assist with preparation of the grounds. The City of Casa Grande plans to install the equipment with a “Community Build” approach where volunteers coordinated by the Youth Commission assist with the installation.
Partner with Casa Grande Schools	City of Casa Grande will partner with Casa Grande schools to market and encourage students to use the park to experience musical enjoyment and outdoor exercise.
Partner with Local Non-profit Organizations	City of Casa Grande will partner with local non-profit organizations to market and encourage families to use the park to experience musical enjoyment and outdoor exercise.

3. Define the Project as a new or continuing project. If the Project is awarded a grant, how would the Project continue after its grant funding is expended? If the Grant from the Community will replace other funding lost due to the economy, how will the Project be continued after the grant from the Community is exhausted?

This is a new project. If the City of Casa Grande is awarded a grant for the purchase of the musical playground equipment, the City will annually budget necessary funds for the maintenance of the playground equipment.

4. If you have requested any other funding from another Arizona tribe, please list:
 - a. Pending or unsuccessful requests made within the last eighteen (18) months, including tribe to which the request was made and a brief summary of the project for which a grant was requested.

2021 – Pending - GRIC - Mini Grants to K-12 Teachers – Promote Art In Classroom Curriculums

2021 – Pending - GRIC - Casa Grande Union Pacific Railroad Underpass Art Project

2021 – Pending – Tohono O’odham Nation – Art Partnership Funding Program

- b. Funded requests made in the last five (5) years, including the name of the tribe that awarded the funding, the project for which the funding was awarded, and the amount of the funding received.

2018 -10,000 Tohono O’odham, School Art Mini Grant Program

2016 - \$10,000 Ak-Chin Indian Community, School Art Mini Grant Program

- C. Reports. Approved grantees must report back to the Community about the use of all grants. Outline how your organization will account for and manage the funding if selected. Describe how Project progress and results will be tracked and documented. Interim and final reports will be required for each grant awarded.

The grant monies will be managed by the Casa Grande Finance Department. This department has a detailed process for the issuance of purchase orders and payments to vendors and provides monthly, quarterly, and final reports on expenditures. The reports provided by the finance department, will allow for the ability to account for all grants funds and to provide interim and final reports for the expenditure of the grant funds.

D. Budget. Provide a budget, including justification, that supports the request in the Application. Provide an estimated timeline for when funds will be expended.

Revenue Date	Project Description	Funds
January 2022	<i>Experiencing Art through Play</i>	Ak-Chin Grant \$70,000
TOTAL REVENUES		\$70,000
Expenditure Date	Description of Expenditure	Expenditure Amount
March 2022	Site Preparation	\$10,000
March/April 2022	Playground Equipment Purchase	\$30,000
March/April 2022	Shade Structure	\$25,000
March/April 2022	Contingency	\$5,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$70,000
TOTAL -KIND	Property Value for ¼ acre of land to place equipment	\$6,000
	Weekly inspection and maintenance of equipment	\$1,150
TOTAL PROJECT COST		\$77,150

E. Additional information. Please provide any additional information about the Project or your organization that the Ak-Chin Council should know when considering the Application.

Through this project, the City of Casa Grande will provide opportunities for outdoor play, boosts fitness, decrease the risk of childhood obesity; increases focus and academic achievement, and reduce stress and increase feelings of well-being for our children and families. **Examples of playground equipment below:**

